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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th August 1864.*

No. 596. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department :—

Passing orders on the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, submitting his report on the Burial grounds in the Division for the year ended 30th April 1864. } (Here enter 19th August 1864, No. 229.)

No. 597. . ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1864, No. 2,482.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with a request that he will submit an Estimate for the work referred to in paragraph 1.
2. The Government regret that there are at present no funds at their disposal for appropriation to the works mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 5.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
„ Ecclesiastical Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
19th August 1864.*

No. 57. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th August 1864, No. 2067.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the Proceedings of Government, in the Ecclesiastical Department, No. 124, dated 28th May 1863, I have the honor to submit the following general report on the Burial grounds in the 4th Division, for the year ending 30th April 1864.

PRESIDENCY.

Saint Mary's Cemetery.—Compound walls and Vestry lately repaired. Many tombs in a dilapidated state.

Saint Patrick's (Roman Catholic) Cemetery.—Enclosure-walls in good order; but the Chapel requires extensive repairs. Trees are now being planted. The formation of good gravelled-walks would be an improvement.

Saint Andrew's Burial Ground.—In good order.

Portuguese Cemetery } In good order; but gravel walks required.
Armenian do. }

Saint George's Cathedral Cemetery.—Compound walls lately repaired. A few tombs require repair.

Saint Thomé Cemetery.—In good order.

Vepery Burial Ground.—Do.

Dissenter's Burial ground at Pussawaukum.—In good order but the substitution of a brick wall for the South boundary hedge is recommended.

Washermen-pettah Cemetery.—A few trifling repairs are required to the plastering of the compound wall, which the Range officer has been instructed to carry out.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

Pulicat.—The Cemetery at this Station near the site of the old Fort is in good order; but that situated in the Coopum requires a new compound wall. In G. O., No. 2755, dated 22nd September 1863 an estimate, Rupees 1860, for the work was sanctioned for entry in the Budget of the current official year. Other works, however, of greater importance were substituted for it, and no funds have yet been allotted for its execution.

Saint Thomas' Mount, Poonamallee and Palaveram Cantonments.—The Protestant and Roman Catholic Cemeteries at these stations are in good order; but the Protestant Burial ground at Saint Thomas' Mount might be much improved by the formation of neat gravel-walks and a few trees. An estimate for the purpose has been received, and will be dealt with in due course. The site of the Roman Catholic Burial ground at the foot of the Mount-hill is reported to be highly objectionable, inasmuch as it is surrounded by the houses of the married soldiers and pensioners. It is believed, however, that no interments have been made there for a considerable time, and the health of the inhabitants in the neighbourhood cannot therefore be now in any way affected.

Objections have also been raised to the Roman Catholic Cemetery attached to Saint Patrick's Church at Saint Thomas' Mount, on the grounds that it is situated much too close to a large number of houses. An estimate has therefore been prepared at the request of the Military authorities, and forwarded to the Station Staff Officer for forming a New Roman Catholic Cemetery in another part of the Cantonment.

Similar arrangements are recommended with reference to the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Poonamallee, which abuts on the road on the east side of the Fort, and is surrounded by dwelling houses.

Wallajahbad.—The walks in the Burial ground at this place are neatly kept, and arrangements will be made for their maintenance this year. The coping of the compound wall requires repair, which the Range officer has been instructed to execute. Many of the tombs and monuments are falling into disrepair.

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Sadras.—The new Burial ground at this station is in good order. One of the tombs in the old Dutch Cemetery within the Fort has been seriously injured by some mischievous boys. Outside the Fort there are several granite tomb slabs which should be brought into the Cemetery; at present they are made use of by the Washermen, and the inscription on one of them has been nearly obliterated.

Chingleput.—The Cemetery at this station is now being repaired.

Pullalur.—The three tombs at this station adverted to in the Annual Report for 1862-63 continue in good preservation. The Maniyam attached to the ground on which these tombs are built is now under inquiry and will be disposed of by the Revenue authorities.

Tripassore.—The Cemetery at this village has been lately repaired and gravelled-walks formed.

NORTH ARCOT.

Vellore Burial ground.—This Cemetery is now in very good order, and is neatly kept. The monument over the men of Her Majesty's 69th Regiment who fell during the mutiny of 1806 has been substantially and tastefully restored under the aid afforded by Government in Proceedings, No. 2812, dated 28th September 1863. A new Cemetery is being made under the sanction given in G. O., No. 968, dated 6th April 1864.

Chittoor Cemetery.—In a neat and orderly state. The young trees planted three years ago have grown up, and have considerably improved the appearance of the ground.

Arnee Burial ground.—In fair order.

Raneepet.—The Protestant Cemetery at this station has been lately repaired, and the formation of a new Burial ground for the Roman Catholics is now in progress.

The old Roman Catholic Cemetery is not yet enclosed. In G. O., No. 3727, dated 17th December 1863, an estimate, Rupees 1950, was sanctioned for the erection of a wall, and ordered to be included in the Budget of this year. No funds have, however, yet been allotted for the execution of the work but; from the unfavorable manner in which the present condition of the ground is reported on by the Collector and his Head Assistant, I think it very desirable that the work should be carried out this year, and I will try and find funds for it.

It will thus be seen that arrangements have been, and continue to be, made by the local authorities to maintain in a proper condition the whole of the Christian Burial grounds other than those which are private property in this Division. These arrangements can, however, only extend to the repair and construction of enclosure-walls, and conservancy of grounds, as under G. O., Ecclesiastical Department, dated 28th May 1863, No. 124, no expence can be incurred in the repair or restoration of tombs.

No. 58. **ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1864, No. 229.**

Orders will be issued in the Department Public Works for the substitution of a brick wall, as recommended, for the south boundary hedge of the Dissenters' Burial ground in Pur-sawa ukum.

Dated 15th September 1863, No. 221.

Proceedings, Military Department, 27th July 1864, No. 2577.

2. As soon as funds are available, the Orders of Government for constructing a wall around the Burial ground at Pulicat must be carried out.

3. With reference to paragraphs 12 and 13 of the foregoing report, it is observed that fresh Burial grounds are being provided for the Roman Catholics and Portuguese at Saint Thomas' Mount.

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4. The Collector of Madras is requested to select a suitable site for a new Cemetery for the Roman Catholics at Poonamallee; on this being done orders will be issued in the Department Public Works for the construction of a wall round it so soon as funds may be available.

5. The wall round the old Roman Catholic Cemetery at Raneepet will be erected as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

L. P. S. M.
Secretary to Government.

to the Department Public Works.
" Acting Archdeacon.
" Collector of Madras.

Exd. R. H. Lee

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